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Senior Assistant .. .. .. .. .. F. JACKSON  
Junior Assistant .. .. .. .. .. H. HAMER

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Senior Assistants .. .. E. OKELL, R. TAYLOR, W. POLLITT  
Junior Assistants .. .. R. JARVIS, J. CRANSHAW, P. WINSTANLEY,  
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.. .. .. .. .. Mr. and Mrs. UPTON

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Junior Assistant .. .. .. .. .. G. SLINGER  
Caretakers .. .. .. .. .. Mr. and Mrs. UPTON

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Junior Assistants .. .. .. .. .. J. D. GIFFORD, R. HALLIDAY  
Caretakers .. .. .. .. .. Mr. and Mrs. LAITHWAITE

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Junior Assistant .. .. .. .. .. W. SMITH  
Caretaker .. .. .. .. .. JOHN BOARDMAN

## Astley Bridge Branch Library.

Assistant-in-Charge .. .. .. .. .. R. G. WILLIAMS  
Junior Assistant .. .. .. .. .. E. SYDNEY  
Janitor .. .. .. .. .. R. B. HESFORD

## Great Lever Branch Library.

Assistant-in-Charge .. .. .. .. .. F. W. C. PEPPER  
Junior Assistants .. .. .. .. .. T. POTTER, H. EDGE  
Janitor .. .. .. .. .. J. BALDWIN

## Halliwell Branch Library.

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Junior Assistants .. .. .. .. .. F. BARLOW, J. L. DAVISON  
Janitor .. .. .. .. .. WM. BROWN

County Borough of Bolton.

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# PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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## FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1909-10.

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*To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County  
Borough of Bolton.*

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries Committee, appointed by you under the provisions of the Public Libraries Acts, have pleasure in presenting their fifty-seventh report, showing the working of the Public Libraries of the Borough for the year ended October 11th, 1910.

### Obituary.

In August last the Libraries lost a valued friend in Mr. Alderman John Heywood, M.A., J.P., who had for years taken a keen practical interest in the Libraries. In 1887 he gave to the Committee a plot of land in High Street, upon which the High Street Branch Library was erected in the following year, and he also gave donations of framed pictures and books, which your Committee highly appreciate.

The Committee wish to place on record an expression of their deepest regret at the death of Mr. Alderman Wm. Smith, J.P., their Vice-Chairman. He worked indefatigably for the success of the Libraries of the Borough. Almost from the inception of the movement he had either been a member of the Committee or has occupied the Chair or Vice-Chair,

and everyone who acted with him recognised the ability and enthusiasm with which he worked for the welfare of the Libraries, always giving his time and advice cheerfully and ungrudgingly.

#### New Branch Libraries.

The past year's work is unique in the history of the Library Movement in Bolton, for during that time three new Branch Libraries have been erected and equipped, and on September 29th were all opened by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, LL.D. They are situated in the districts of Astley Bridge, Halliwell, and Great Lever, and form striking architectural blocks in each district.

Accommodation is provided in each building as follows:

Men's Newspaper and Magazine Room.

Women's Reading and Writing Room.

Boys' and Girls' Reading and Writing Room.

Lending Library for 12,000 vols.

Basement with Staff and Filing Rooms, Heating Chamber, etc.

The whole of the furniture and fittings are in oak, except the book-cases, which are of steel. The measuring-up work in connection with the new Branches is not yet completed, but your Committee have no reason to suppose that the grant of £15,000 made by Mr. Carnegie for erecting them will be exceeded. It is interesting to record that two of the elevations were hung on the line of this year's Exhibition of the Royal Academy. A Bronze Tablet recording Mr. Carnegie's benefactions is placed in each of the buildings. Although only a few days have elapsed since the opening, there is already evidence that the buildings will be very largely used by the inhabitants, and so far they have made no appreciable difference on the congested condition of the Central Lending Library premises.

A Souvenir of the Library Movement in Bolton, giving very briefly an historical account from 1852 to 1910, was

written by the Chief Librarian, and circulated. It added considerably to the interest taken in the proceedings.

On arriving in Bolton, Mr. Carnegie was presented with an Address of Welcome from the Combined Traders' Association, and afterwards entertained to Luncheon by the Libraries Committee. Leaving the Town Hall, at two o'clock, to open the Libraries, and receiving at the first one a gold master-key as a memento of the occasion, he arrived back at four o'clock, and was admitted an Honorary Freeman of the Borough, in the Albert Hall, the illuminated scroll being presented in a silver gilt casket of handsome design. Mr. Carnegie was here enthusiastically received by over 1,200 invited guests, and when leaving Bolton for London, he said, "Whatever may pass from my memory, Bolton and this day will be amongst the last things to do so."

#### **New Central Premises.**

Mention has been made for some few years past of the absolute necessity for new Central Premises, and it is thought that the time is now ripe for some movement in the direction of accomplishing this. The Committee are fully aware of the need there is for increased accommodation, and of the necessity for erecting such a building as would place both the Lending and Reference Libraries under one roof and provide ample accommodation for Students, a Lecture Room, and the many other adjuncts of a well considered modern Public Library.

#### **Conferences.**

The Chief Librarian attended the Congrès International des Archivistes et des Bibliothécaires held in Brussels in August, and submitted a report to the Committee. The Chief Librarian also attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association at Exeter and a Report of the Proceedings will be found on pages 14-18.

#### **Stocktaking.**

It is gratifying to record the small number of books lost during the year. The following 17 were unaccounted for at the Stocktaking in August:—

Mere Hall Branch, 4;  
Central Lending Library, 6;

High Street Branch, 7, two of which were stolen from the open cases in the Juvenile Department ;

At the Astley Bridge Branch every book was accounted for ;

These books could be replaced new at a cost of 38/-, and when it is considered that 435,645 volumes were issued, this leakage may be regarded as very satisfactory.

#### **Books and Infection.**

An application was made to the Sanitary Committee to refund the value of all Library books taken by their officials from houses where infectious disease existed, and that Committee decided to make a grant of £10 towards the cost of replacing the books destroyed.

#### **Reference Library.**

The work of the Reference Library is gradually increasing. It is now being used by *bona fide* students in search of information, and much assistance is given to them. The issues really represent high-class research work and genuine consultation of books. They do not include directories, encyclopædias, dictionaries, or annuals. These are all placed in an open case, and are not included in the statistics at all. There is no doubt that the utility of the Reference Library is much restricted owing to its congested condition.

#### **Mere Hall Branch.**

The Committee have decided to close the Mere Hall Branch Library at the end of the present Library Year, so that the work of re-organizing this Branch can be proceeded with without delay.

#### **School Libraries.**

The 13 Libraries in the out-district Schools continue to do good work among the children in their respective neighbourhoods. The total number of books now in the School Libraries is 1802 ; the number of books issued during the

year was 24,894; and the average number of times each volume was issued during the year was 13.8. The whole of the stock was returned to the Libraries previous to the Christmas and Summer Holidays, and was overhauled. It was necessary to bind 496 volumes, and a large number were repaired by the staff.

### Issues.

The total issue during the year from all departments was 435,645, an increase on the preceding year of 4,928 volumes, which proves that appreciation of the usefulness of the Libraries continues to increase.

The circulation by Departments was:—

Central Reference Library	...	...	8511
Central Lending Library	...	...	242333
High Street Branch	...	...	78586
Little Bolton Branch	...	...	4188
Mere Hall Branch	...	...	22981
Astley Bridge Branch	...	...	54252
Schools	...	...	24894
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Total	...	...	435645
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The circulation by Classes was:—

A.—Religion	...	...	...	5642
B.—Philosophy	...	...	...	1271
C.—Science	...	...	...	10281
D.—Useful Arts	...	...	...	13415
E.—Fine and Recreative Arts	...	...	...	17496
F.—Social Science	...	...	...	7171
G.—Biography	...	...	...	7512
H.—History and Travel	...	...	...	15707
J.—Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	96380
K.—Magazines	...	...	...	22659
L.—Literature and Language	...	...	...	5189
M.—Poetry and Drama	...	...	...	3311
N.—Prose Fiction	...	...	...	193136
O.—Miscellaneous	...	...	...	6778
Books for the Blind	...	...	...	1220
Patents	...	...	...	2494
School Libraries	...	...	...	24894
Local Books	...	...	...	1139
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Total	...	...	...	435645
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### Stock.

The total number of books in all departments is 118,998 (exclusive of Patent specifications and Parliamentary Blue Books.) The additions during the year amount to 4,755 purchased, 112 donations, making a total of 4,867.

### Borrowers.

The number of borrowers on the registers of the Lending Libraries is 34,707. This number comprises 18,208 ordinary tickets, 10,994 juvenile tickets, and 5,505 "extra" non-fictional tickets, and is exclusive of the scholars in the 13 School Libraries.

### Overdues, Worn out Books, Binding, &c.

During the year 5,548 applications have been made by postcard for overdue books, followed by 343 letters to borrowers or guarantors. 1,115 Books have been discarded as worn out, 785 of which have been replaced, the remainder being out of print or not worth replacing.

The number of books rebound during the year was 3,675. 178 volumes have been destroyed by the Sanitary Authorities having been taken from houses where infectious disease has existed.

### Staff.

In connection with the opening of the three new Branch Libraries the following promotions and appointments have been made:—

Mr. F. W. C. Pepper, Senior Assistant Central Lending Library, to be Assistant in Charge, Great Lever Branch Library.

Mr. T. L. Yates, Senior Assistant, to be Assistant in Charge, Halliwell Branch Library.

Mr. R. G. Williams to be Assistant in Charge, Astley Bridge Branch Library.

Mr. T. W. Wright to be Assistant in Charge, High Street Branch Library.

Mr. W. Pollitt to be Senior Assistant, Central Lending Library.

Mr. E. Okell, of the Ashton-under-Lyne Public Library, was appointed Senior Assistant Central Lending Library; and Messrs. Davison, Edge, and Ratcliffe were appointed Junior Assistants.

The standard of education adopted 12 months' ago by the Committee in accordance with the recommendation of the Library Association has resulted in a much better class of Junior Assistants being appointed in the Libraries Department.

Twelve assistants have attended the classes for Library Assistants in Bibliography, Practical Library Administration, English Language and Literature, and French, held at the Manchester School of Technology, and conducted under the direction of Mr. Henry Guppy, M.A., Chief Librarian of the John Rylands Library, Manchester. Eleven of them satisfied the examiners and received their term certificates. Four of these assistants have now completed the three years' course.

Eighteen of your assistants presented themselves at the professional examination of the Library Association, held at the Bolton centre, and gained fifteen certificates as follows:—

Section I.—Literary History: T. W. Wright.

Section III.—Classification: F. W. C. Pepper.

Section IV.—Cataloguing: F. Barlow, J. Kirk, W. Pollitt.

Section V.—Library History, Foundation and Equipment: J. D. Gifford, H. Hamer, E. Sydney, R. G. Williams.

Section VI.—Library Routine: F. Barlow, J. Cranshaw, R. Halliday, G. S. Slinger, J. Smith, T. L. Yates.

#### **Holiday Literature.**

The Railway Companies, in response to an application, sent some hundreds of illustrated guides to the places of interest served by their lines, and these were exhibited and distributed in the Central Reading Room.

### Publications.

A third supplement to the Catalogue of Books in the Central Lending Library was published in May, and over 700 copies have been sold at 2d. each.

The lists of all the new books purchased for the Central Lending Library continue to appear by the kindness of the Editors, in the *Bolton Journal* and *Guardian* and the *Bolton Chronicle*, on the first Friday and Saturday in each month, and the 1000 reprints are quickly called for by the borrowers at the Central Library.

A Supplement to the Catalogue of Books in the High Street Branch Library, and a new Edition of the Catalogue of Books for Boys and Girls in that Branch, with additions to date, have been published.

Catalogues of the Books in the Great Lever and Halliwell Branch Libraries have been published, and also Catalogues of the Books for Boys and Girls in those Branches.

A Supplement to the Catalogue of Books in the Astley Bridge Branch Library has been issued, and also a Supplementary List, bringing the Catalogue of Books for Boys and Girls in that Branch up to date.

Although the new Libraries have as yet only been open eight days, 579 of the new Catalogues have been sold at Great Lever, 917 at Halliwell, and 362 at the Astley Bridge Branch.

Owing to the exceptionally heavy work during the past year no progress has been made with the Classified Catalogue of Books on Architecture and the allied subjects in the Libraries, nor has any progress been made with the re-classification and re-cataloguing of the Reference Library. Too much importance cannot be attached to these two undertakings, as when accomplished, they will undoubtedly

be a means of bringing the collection of Reference Books into closer touch with the Technical and Scientific Students in the Borough.

A Bibliographical Catalogue of the collection of "Local Literature" is ready for the printers, with the exception of Indexes. These can be compiled shortly and the work published.

The Committee have to tender their most cordial thanks to all donors of books and periodicals mentioned on pages 82-89 of this Report.

Signed, on behalf of the Libraries Committee,

FRED. A. HORRIDGE, Chairman.

ARCHIBALD SPARKE, F.R.S.L., Chief Librarian.

*October 20th, 1910.*

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Libraries Committee, held on October 10th last:—

Resolved: "That this Committee place on record their appreciation of the admirable arrangements made by the Chief Librarian on the occasion of the opening of the new Libraries on September 29th, 1910, by Andrew Carnegie, Esq., LL.D., and to express their belief that during the year just ended, a great amount of strenuous work has been accomplished by him with conspicuous ability. His zealous efforts towards encouraging the fullest use of the Library facilities of the town, are such that the results show excellent improvements in all directions."

Confirmed at a Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, October 20th, 1910.

## Chief Librarian's Report on the Conference of Librarians, Exeter, 1910.

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Reference Library, Bolton,

October 10th, 1910.

GENTLEMEN,

In accordance with instructions contained in your resolution dated April 25th, I attended, as your representative, the 33rd Annual Conference of Librarians held at Exeter, from the 5th to the 9th of September last, and the following is my report of the proceedings:—

The Association, consisting of about 350 delegates from all parts of Great Britain, was officially welcomed to Exeter by the Mayor (Mr. H. H. Wippell), and the first business session was opened under the presidency of Dr. Kenyon, Principal Librarian of the British Museum.

The President said that at least 60 per cent. of the persons using Libraries were persons engaged in professional, industrial, and commercial pursuits. In many places the Library authorities had plainly recognised the necessity of assisting students to acquire culture by more positive means than merely having books on the shelves. They had systematically undertaken the provision of lectures and temporary exhibitions, and they had associated the Library with a museum or art gallery, so as to present a varied appeal to the awakening taste and intelligence of the public. Such agencies worked in hidden ways, and it was impossible except at long intervals of time, to judge of their effect. They came therefore to the conclusion that the realisation of Libraries to their full value depended on the Librarian.

It was here, as in many departments of the human life, the human element that made all the difference between success and failure, and therefore it was highly desirable that the Association should concern itself not alone with the national organization and equipment of Libraries, but with the training of Librarians also. The duty of every Librarian was to regard himself as an educational agent of the first importance, and to train himself diligently for the execution of the trust imposed upon him.

Mr. Tapley Soper, City Librarian, Exeter, contributed a paper on "The Exeter Public Library and Museum," and the Town Clerk one on "The Functions and the Possibilities of a Library regarding the Collection of Local MSS., &c."

Dr. E. A. Baker (Woolwich) dealt with "Book Selection, Fundamental Principles, and some Applications."

A visit was afterwards paid to the Cathedral, where some of the manuscript treasures were exhibited, including Charters of Ethelred the Unready, and Edward the Confessor, the famous Exeter Domesday Book, and the "Codex Exoniensis."

In the evening a large public meeting was held, the Bishop of Exeter presiding. His Lordship said they were all more or less dependent upon Public Libraries, because it was not given even to the wealthiest of them to have as a possession all the books they might need from time to time. There were Libraries whose object was to aid the diffusion of knowledge, these were in the majority, and there were Libraries whose function corresponded to universities, whose great object was to aid those who were actually extending and increasing the stock of human knowledge. As Libraries grew, all who had to do with the subject became more and more impressed with the great diversity of the task and the variety of problems which required to be treated with.

Mr. J. O. Jennings, Chairman, Library Committee, Brighton, gave an address on "Libraries as an Educational

Force," and Mr. Ballinger, the Librarian of the National Library of Wales, on the "Library Extension Movement."

A discussion on the Library Movement in America occupied the next session. Mr. C. W. Andrews, of the John Creerar Library, Chicago, outlined a new development which had taken place in America—the establishment of Libraries by the great Trusts for the use of officials and workers, and he proceeded with a detailed description of the working of American Libraries.

Miss Ahern (*Editor of Public Libraries*), said there was a phase in their American life which looked at every proposition from a business standpoint. Throughout the country they found the Public Library not the great gathering ground for books, but a living organization containing pure literature, which the Library Committee were as anxious to circulate as they were to secure reservoirs of pure water for the consumption of the inhabitants. There was also in America a very close co-operation between the schools and the Public Libraries, and another important feature was the School for Candidates for Library appointments.

Dr. Locke (Toronto), said that in Canada they were growing physically, mentally, and morally in everything they could possibly suggest. They were scattering Libraries from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He thought the young nation stood to-day more closely allied to the mother country than it had ever done since it was born, and Library work was going to permeate their politics. They believed in Canada the way to get proper relationship developed was to work it out from their young people, from their Libraries and Debating Clubs.

After discussion by other American delegates, Mr. Cyril Davenport, Superintendent of Bookbinding, British Museum, delivered a lecture on Bookbinding in France, and showed

many beautiful slides of bookbindings which had been done for the kings and queens of that country.

At the next session, Mr. Makepeace Forster, B.Litt., Professor of Education at Exeter University College, read a paper on "Books and Village Children." He remarked that a study of child nature had shown that from the age of 10 to 17 there was a veritable reading craze. Unless this period was wisely used, unless the need for books was satisfied, the after development of the child, both mental and moral, was seriously hindered. It was above all a period of inoculation when literary taste could be most readily formed. The reading in schools hitherto had been unfortunate. Usually three reading books per annum were read and re-read *ad nauseam*. The child naturally came to regard reading as a task rather than a delight. The aim should not be to teach children to read two or three books well for the purpose of inspection, but to cultivate literary taste. There must be, in the first place, then, a plentiful supply of books. The literary taste of the scholars could be furthered by readings at least once a week by the teachers, to introduce children to the books. Such lessons would be infinitely preferable to "literature lessons," where the abominations of annotated editions were used in which the emphasis was thrown on critical notes rather than on the text. One of the problems of rural life would be met once the County authorities were empowered and compelled to adopt the Public Libraries Act, and establish circulating Libraries in every village.

Dr. Baker (Woolwich), said that one of the most urgent needs of the present time was consultation between the Librarian and the professional educator. The use of the Public Library by children required to be controlled. Children wanted guidance and direction in the use of books, and the sooner education committees recognised the need for sympathy and practical aid the sooner would the children become alive to the uses and benefits of Public Libraries.

Reports were presented by the various Sub-committees of the Library Association Council on the Legal and Par-

liamentary work of the past year affecting Libraries, the Book Production and Publications Departments, and on the work of the Education Committee.

The Book Production Committee are engaged in endeavouring to secure better paper and binding from publishers of books, and in producing a report which shall embody all their recommendations, and to publish the same as an "ideal" book. The Education Committee are doing excellent work in laying down a standard of education for all candidates for Library appointments, and in conducting the examinations for Library Assistants. The Report of this Committee showed that the number of students presenting themselves during the session for examination was 277, against 207 last year, and that the pass list was considerably better than usual.

The Annual Business Meeting was held in the afternoon, when Mr. T. C. Abbott (Manchester), gave a very optimistic view of the chances of the Public Libraries Bill being presented to Parliament. This Bill seeks to remove the limitation of the Library Rate of 1d. in the pound, and to exempt Public Libraries from the payment of all local and parochial rates.

The papers and discussions were business-like and instructive, and the Conference now stands adjourned until next year, when it will meet at Perth.

Please accept my very cordial thanks for the opportunity you afforded me of being present, and believe me,

Your obedient servant,

ARCHIBALD SPARKE.

## **Reference Libraries.**

Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Libraries.

CLASS.	Central Refer- ence Library	Little Bolton Branch	Mere Hall Branch	TOTALS.	
				1908-9.	1909-10.
General	649	...	2537	5002	3186
Philosophy	86	...	...	20	86
Religion	692	...	15	246	707
Sociology	576	323	379	2850	1278
Philology	324	...	...	...	324
Natural Science	641	9	303	2454	2575
Useful Arts	800				
Fine Arts	822				
Literature	539	90	606	997	1235
History	1191	2	74	1978	1267
Voyages and Travel	274	...	148	295	422
Biography	778	...	87	828	865
Local Books	1139	...	...	...	1139
Patents	...	2494	...	2218	2494
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8511</b>	<b>2918</b>	<b>4149</b>	<b>16888</b>	<b>15578</b>

### **The Central Reference Library**

(Opened 1853.)

Total Stock—24,956 volumes (exclusive of Parliamentary Blue Books and Pamphlets). Purchased 256;

Presented, 112; Total Additions during the year, 368.

Number of Volumes consulted each month, with their classification:—

1909-10.	Gen'l Works	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Sc.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Voyages and Travels.	Biography.	Local Books.	TOTALS.
Oct. 12 to 30	16	16	27	81	16	12	32	32	22	67	10	38	70	439
November	35	0	54	53	19	11	105	70	34	102	9	125	68	685
December	29	2	43	44	31	43	61	51	84	30	25	44	95	582
January	35	0	73	82	18	63	83	82	61	38	21	65	84	705
February	50	11	100	74	17	61	66	57	48	75	16	66	46	687
March	59	9	62	27	28	49	39	68	21	155	19	65	86	687
April	87	4	57	52	31	74	53	96	78	56	30	76	109	803
May	72	0	64	5	19	83	89	62	48	213	14	63	93	825
June	67	7	52	31	43	88	82	63	24	224	34	82	135	932
July	48	8	35	29	48	37	92	53	50	94	49	41	176	760
August	50	15	80	56	31	66	56	47	44	60	43	54	111	713
September	50	13	27	28	11	26	32	90	14	52	4	51	47	445
Oct. 1 to 11	51	1	18	14	12	28	10	51	11	25	...	8	19	248
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4986</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>1191</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>1139</b>	<b>8511</b>	

## **Lending Libraries.**

*Total number of Books issued.* TABLE I.

CLASS.		Central	Astley Bridge	High Street.	Mere Hall.	Little Bolton.
<b>A</b> Religion ...	...	3911	389	520	115	...
<b>B</b> Philosophy ...	...	857	208	118	2	...
<b>C</b> Science ...	...	6791	1252	1249		
<b>D</b> Useful Arts ...	...	8996	1584	1896	242	...
<b>E</b> Fine and Recreative Arts	13455	1322	1780			
<b>F</b> Social Science ...	...	4459	645	785	4	...
<b>G</b> Biography ...	...	5277	604	633	133	...
<b>H</b> History and Travel ...	10406	1476	1947	189	...	
<b>J</b> Juvenile Literature ...	46721	18640	31019	...	...	
<b>K</b> Magazines ...	12656	3549	6454	...	...	
<b>L</b> Literature and Language	3435	480	411	...	...	
<b>M</b> Poetry and Drama ...	2663	290	330	13	...	
<b>N</b> Prose Fiction ...	120090	23414	30880	18071	...	
<b>O</b> Miscellaneous ...	2616	399	564	13	...	
Books for the Blind	...	...	...	...	...	1220
School Libraries	...	24894	...	...	...	...
<b>TOTALS</b>	...	267227	54252	78586	18782	1220

**Grand Total, 420,067.**

*Total number of Volumes in stock.* TABLE II.

CLASS.		Central	Astley Bridge	High Street	Halliford.	Great Lever.
<b>A</b> Religion ...	...	1753	267	268	247	274
<b>B</b> Philosophy ...	...	349	62	48	102	107
<b>C</b> Science ...	...	1973	545	468	464	460
<b>D</b> Useful Arts ...	...	1716	464	376	231	249
<b>E</b> Fine and Recreative Arts	1910	361	342	249		225
<b>F</b> Social Science ...	...	1698	307	355	213	231
<b>G</b> Biography ...	...	3587	515	595	652	
<b>H</b> History and Travel ...	4608	657	986	674		1240
<b>J</b> Juvenile Literature ...	3435	1293	2676	1583		1846
<b>K</b> Magazines ...	1500	328	552	297	...	
<b>L</b> Literature and Language	926	190	169	170		478
<b>M</b> Poetry and Drama ...	1065	175	197	203		
<b>N</b> Prose Fiction ...	8434	2943	4312	2890		4112
<b>O</b> Miscellaneous ...	1116	189	356	258		432
School Libraries	1802	...	...	...	...	...
Reading Rooms ...	...	307	366	...	...	...
<b>TOTALS</b>	...	35872	8603	12066	8233	9654

Grand Total, with volumes in Mere Hall and Little Bolton  
Branches, **94,042** vols.

## CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

(Founded in Old Exchange, 1853. Removed to Oxford Street, 1869. Removed to New Building, Victoria Square, 1892. Closed for Re-organization, December 11th, 1905; Re-opened January 30th, 1907.

TABLE I.

Number of Volumes in Stock, 1908-9, and Additions thereto during the year 1909-10, and Number of Volumes issued during 1908-9 and 1909-10.

CLASS		Vols in Stock Oct , 1909	Additions	Vols in Stock Oct. 1910	No. in Vols. Issued 1908-9	No. of Vols. Issued 1909-10	Increase	Percentage of Issue
<b>A</b> Religion...	...	1646	107	1753	3901	3911	10	1.6
<b>B</b> Philosophy	...	284	65	349	701	857	156	0.4
<b>C</b> Science ...	..	1808	165	1973	6473	6791	318	2.8
<b>D</b> Useful Arts	...	1533	183	1716	8231	8996	765	3.7
<b>E</b> Fine and Recreative Arts		1825	85	1910	12043	13455	1412	5.6
<b>F</b> Social Science ..		1607	91	1698	4063	4459	396	1.8
<b>G</b> Biography ...	...	3376	211	3587	5231	5277	46	2.2
<b>H</b> History and Travel	...	4294	314	4608	9511	10406	895	4.3
<b>J</b> Juvenile Literature	..	3207	228	3435	44555	46721	2166	19.3
<b>K</b> Magazines ...	...	1428	72	1500	9624	12656	3032	5.2
<b>L</b> Literature and Language		825	101	926	2757	3435	678	1.4
<b>M</b> Poetry and Drama	...	991	74	1065	2670	2663	*...	1.1
<b>N</b> Prose Fiction ...	..	7890	544	8434	103922	120090	16168	49.5
<b>O</b> Miscellaneous ...	...	1013	103	1116	2403	2616	213	1.1
<b>TOTALS</b> ...		31727	2343	34070	216085	242333	26255	100.0

There is a decrease of 7 in Poetry and Drama, but an increase of 26,255 in all other classes, making a net increase of 26,248. 7,521 of the increase are non-fictional works.

The following is the number of Borrowers Tickets in force at present:—Adult, 12,101; Juvenile, 5,003; Students, 4,176. Total, 21,280.

## CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

TABLE II.

Number of days open, total number of volumes issued, monthly issue in each class, and daily average.

MONTH	No. of Days Open	Religion	Philosophy	Science	Useful Arts	Fine and Creative Arts	Social Science	Biography	History and Travel	Juvenile Literature	Magazines	Literature and Language	Poetry and Drama	Prose Fiction	Miscellaneous	TOTALS	Average for Daily Issue*	
																	10406	
Oct. 12th to 31st ..	17	243	45	411	481	758	263	354	578	2806	548	204	149	6683	165	13688	912.5	
November ..	26	410	92	721	754	1096	472	512	861	4677	893	325	223	9463	242	20741	901.7	
December ..	25	331	88	514	728	1192	369	513	756	4192	1039	293	202	9588	220	20025	953.5	
January ...	24	328	83	545	712	979	429	394	810	3922	1086	261	209	9619	221	19598	933.2	
February ...	24	371	71	624	840	1194	458	501	932	4658	1251	353	229	10989	250	22721	1081.9	
March ...	25	343	62	630	924	1274	426	478	1043	4177	1186	310	243	11319	229	22644	1078.3	
April ...	26	358	58	689	913	1191	414	459	1019	4310	1265	302	272	11445	215	22910	996.8	
May ...	24	331	62	608	750	1103	356	421	918	3971	1062	274	232	10510	216	20814	991.1	
June ...	22	264	54	468	504	869	298	320	823	2807	867	246	198	8412	176	16306	850.5	
July ...	26	287	74	486	657	1044	290	408	826	3112	995	254	203	9798	188	18622	809.6	
August ...	27	257	72	440	713	1111	263	366	755	3316	1093	234	195	9320	172	18307	795.9	
September ...	23	290	69	468	726	1125	292	405	766	3362	1006	260	231	9543	235	18778	938.9	
Oct. 1st to 11th ...	9	98	27	187	294	519	129	146	319	1411	365	119	77	340	87	7179	897.4	
TOTALS.....	298	3911	857	6791	8996	13455	4459	5277	10406	46721	12656	3435	2663	120090	2616	242333	935.6	

\* To obtain these averages, all the Wednesdays in each month are counted as one day.

## HIGH STREET BRANCH.

(Opened April, 1888. Re-organized, 1907).

TABLE I.

Number of Volumes in Stock 1908-9, and Additions thereto  
during the year 1909-10, and number of Volumes Issued  
during 1908-9 and 1909-10.

CLASS.	Vols. in stock, Oct. 1909	Additions	Vols. in stock, Oct. 1910	No. of Vols. Issued 1908-9	No. of Vols. Issued 1909-10			Percentage of Issue
						Increase	Decrease	
<b>A</b> Religion ... ...	213	55	268	629	520	...	109	0.7
<b>B</b> Philosophy ... ...	32	16	48	242	118	...	124	0.1
<b>C</b> Science ... ...	438	30	468	1541	1249	...	292	1.6
<b>D</b> Useful Arts ... ...	339	37	376	2201	1896	...	305	2.4
<b>E</b> Fine and Recreational Arts ... ...	319	23	342	2119	1780	...	339	2.3
<b>F</b> Social Science ... ...	330	25	355	925	785	...	140	1.0
<b>G</b> Biography ... ...	573	22	595	734	633	...	101	0.8
<b>H</b> History and Travel ... ...	945	41	986	2091	1947	...	144	2.5
<b>J</b> Juvenile Literature ...	2483	193	2676	26831	31019	4188	...	39.5
Reading Room	193	7	200	...	...	...	...	...
<b>K</b> Magazines ... ...	465	87	552	4850	6454	1604	...	8.2
<b>L</b> Literature & Language ...	147	22	169	440	411	...	29	0.5
<b>M</b> Poetry and Drama ...	183	14	197	352	330	...	22	0.4
<b>N</b> Prose Fiction ... ...	4180	132	4312	39114	30880	...	8234	39.3
<b>O</b> Miscellaneous ... ...	340	16	356	4111	564	...	3547	0.7
Reference Room	122	44	166	...	...	...	...	...
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ...	11302	764	12066	86180	78586	5792	13386	100.0

The following is the number of Borrowers' Tickets in force at present:—Adult, 2911; Juvenile, 2778; Student, 619. Total, 6308.

# HIGH STREET BRANCH.

TABLE II.

Number of days open, total number of volumes issued, monthly issue in each class, and daily average.

MONTH.	No. of Days	Open	Religion	Philosophy	Science	Useful Arts	Fine and Creative Arts	Social Science	Biography	History and Travel	Juvenile Literature	Magazines	Poetry and Drama	Language	Literature and Fiction	Miscellaneous	Average Daily Issue	* Total
Oct. 12th to 31st	29	5	82	110	106	37	38	84	1900	269	20	1895	75	4670	311.3			
November	26	52	8	113	193	220	87	76	170	3683	579	35	38	2840	52	8146	254.2	
December	25	46	9	93	163	176	90	64	167	2938	549	38	30	2653	38	7044	352.4	
January	24	40	6	86	146	149	81	47	162	2664	561	32	29	2581	43	6627	315.5	
February	24	45	10	114	220	196	59	61	203	2968	641	43	43	2762	61	7431	353.9	
March	25	43	18	103	223	159	77	68	198	2890	641	35	24	2733	51	7293	345.8	
April	26	50	12	130	186	174	83	54	173	2622	559	33	19	2782	40	6977	309.7	
May	24	54	12	120	150	117	71	45	152	2489	518	38	23	2487	49	6325	301.1	
June	22	57	6	77	97	79	38	48	149	1999	448	21	14	2003	38	4964	261.2	
July	26	32	3	88	98	112	44	44	154	1891	504	25	25	2422	34	5476	238.1	
August	27	36	9	105	107	111	47	41	133	2023	529	37	31	2452	33	5694	247.6	
September	23	36	16	96	145	127	54	37	141	2026	469	40	23	2393	37	5550	277.5	
Oct. 1st to 11th	9	20	4	42	58	64	17	10	56	1016	187	14	11	967	13	2479	309.9	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>1896</b>	<b>1780</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>1947</b>	<b>31019</b>	<b>6454411</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>30880</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>78586</b>	<b>303.4</b>	

\* To obtain these averages, all the Wednesdays in each month are counted as one day.

## MERE HALL BRANCH.

OPENED AUGUST 22ND, 1891.

Total Stock 6,677 volumes.

Purchased during the year, 24. Withdrawn, 50.

Number of Borrowers, 238.

Days open, 298.

TABLE I.

*Number of Volumes issued each month.*

MONTH.	1908-9.	1909-10.
October 12-31 .....	1716	1185
November .....	2447	1842
December .....	1797	1675
January .....	1690	1603
February .....	1513	1591
March .....	1614	1698
April .....	1380	1694
May .....	1385	1459
June .....	1124	1323
July .....	1599	1426
August .....	1597	1559
September .....	1655	1379
October 1-11 .....	676	348
	<hr/> 20193	<hr/> 18782

Decrease, 1411.

TABLE II.

*Number of Volumes issued from each Class.*

	1908-9.	1909-10.
Theology .....	45	115
Philosophy .....	4	2
English History .....	82	64
Foreign History .....	18	17
Biography .....	176	133
Topography .....	33	49
Voyages, etc. .....	92	59
Law, Politics .....	4	4
Science and Art .....	278	242
Poetry and Drama .....	23	13
Fiction and Juvenile Literature ..	19427	18071
Magazines .....	0	0
Miscellaneous Literature .....	11	13
	<hr/> 20193	<hr/> 18782

MERE HALL BRANCH.—*Continued.*

## TABLE III.

*Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library,  
with their classification.*

	1908-9.	1909-10.
Theology .....	13	... 15
Philosophy .....	1	... 0
English History .....	43	... 31
Foreign History .....	39	... 40
Biography .....	102	... 87
Topography .....	6	... 3
Voyages, etc. ....	151	... 148
Law, Politics .....	341	... 379
Science and Art .....	329	... 303
Poetry and Drama .....	27	... 15
Fiction .....	497	... 591
Periodical Literature .....	1705	... 714
Miscellaneous .....	1436	... 1823
Decrease, 541.	4690	4149

## LITTLE BOLTON BRANCH.

The building is now closed as a Lending Library, and used solely as a Reference Library and Patents Library, and for books for the Blind. The reading room remains open as before.

During the year 1220 books for the Blind have been issued as against 1143 last year.

2918 volumes have been consulted as against 2601 last year.

## GREAT LEVER AND HALLIWELL BRANCHES.

The Great Lever and Halliwell Branch Libraries were opened by Mr. Carnegie on September 29th, 1910.

The Libraries have only been open to the public 8 days and tables showing the distribution of their stock, &c., will appear in next year's report.

The total stock is as follows:—

At Great Lever - 9654 Vols.  
At Halliwell - 8233 Vols.

The number of borrower's tickets:—

At Great Lever - Adult, 740; Juvenile, 572;  
Students, 60. Total, 1372.

At Halliwell - Adult, 701; Juvenile, 1021;  
Students, 33. Total, 1755.

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

Organised July, 1907.

Number of Books supplied to each School, with the issues as recorded by the School Librarians,

NAME OF SCHOOL.						Number of Books Allotted	Number of Vols. Issued 1908-9	Number of Vols. Issued 1909-10.
Darcy Lever	Deane	Great Lever	Harwood	Lever Bridge	Markland Hill			
..	..	..	..	..	..	80	750	752
..	..	..	..	..	..	125	2655	2278
..	..	..	..	..	..	125	1456	1233
..	..	..	..	..	..	80	593	568
..	..	..	..	..	..	137	1646	1842
..	..	..	..	..	..	125	947	751
..	..	..	..	..	..	310	4858	4992
..	..	..	..	..	..	135	1668	2144
..	..	..	..	..	..	80	731	633
..	..	..	..	..	..	80	785	912
..	..	..	..	..	..	135	1607	1009
..	..	..	..	..	..	80	603	646
..	..	..	..	..	..	310	7947	7134
TOTALS .. ..						1802	26246	24894

## ASTLEY BRIDGE BRANCH.

TABLE I.

Number of Volumes in Stock, 1908-9, and Additions thereto during the year 1909-10, and number of Volumes issued during 1908-9 and 1909-10.

CLASS	Vols in Stock Oct., 1900	Additions	Vols in Stock Oct., 1910	No. of Vols. issued, 1908-9	No. of Vols. issued, 1909-10	Increase	Decrease	Percentage of Issue
								1908-9
<b>A</b> Religion .. .. 214 53 267 300 389 89 .. .7								
<b>B</b> Philosophy .. .. 46 16 62 151 208 57 .. .4								
<b>C</b> Science .. .. 434 111 545 1166 1252 86 .. 2.3								
<b>D</b> Useful Arts .. .. 382 82 464 1499 1584 85 .. 2.9								
<b>E</b> Fine and Recreative Arts .. .. 277 84 361 1168 1322 154 .. 2.5								
<b>F</b> Social Science .. .. 218 90 307 599 645 46 .. 1.2								
<b>G</b> Biography .. .. 365 150 515 646 604 .. 42 1.1								
<b>H</b> History and Travel .. .. 438 220 657 1494 1476 .. 18 2.7								
<b>J</b> Juvenile Literature .. .. 1180 130 1293 19326 18640 .. 686 34.4								
<b>K</b> Magazines .. .. 304 24 328 3196 3549 353 .. 6.6								
<b>L</b> Literature and Language .. .. 134 56 190 510 480 .. 30 .9								
<b>M</b> Poetry and Drama .. .. 144 31 175 292 290 .. 2 .5								
<b>N</b> Prose Fiction .. .. 2685 267 2943 23691 23414 .. 277 43.1								
<b>O</b> Miscellaneous .. .. 135 54 189 370 399 29 .. 7								
Juvenile Reading Room .. .. .. 307 .. .. .. .. ..								
<b>TOTALS</b> .. .. 6956 1368 8603 54408 54252 899 *1055 100.0								

\* The Lending Library was closed from September 26th to October 1st, during transference of the Books to the New Building.

The following is the number of Borrowers' Tickets in force at present: Adult, 1,476; Juvenile, 1,620; Students, 617. Total, 3,713.

# ASTLEY BRIDGE BRANCH.

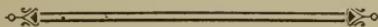
TABLE II.

Number of days open, total number of volumes issued, monthly issue in each class, and daily average.

MONTH	No. of Days Open	Religion	Philosophy	Science	Useful Arts	Fine and Creative Arts	Social Science	Biography	History and Travel	Juvenile Literature	Magazines	Poetry and Drama	Language and Poetry	Fiction	Miscellaneous	TOTALS	Average Daily Issue*	28
Oct 12th to 31st	..	17	18	14	67	86	69	38	30	76	1029	201	22	18	1367	22	3057	203.8
November	..	26	23	22	103	148	91	52	59	132	1761	318	40	24	1983	43	4799	208.6
December	..	25	32	21	114	146	111	66	51	127	1829	333	43	37	1979	33	4922	234.3
January	..	24	37	21	122	115	100	64	56	125	1789	369	36	21	2009	19	4883	232.5
February	..	24	46	16	142	144	122	55	67	147	1804	312	53	25	2039	40	5012	238.6
March	..	25	54	23	141	157	123	60	60	151	1622	343	40	25	2065	40	4904	233.5
April	..	26	49	15	131	158	107	65	54	153	1522	288	29	22	2192	34	4810	209.1
May	..	24	28	18	105	137	117	43	46	112	1294	259	51	19	1924	39	4192	199.6
June	..	22	30	14	71	84	112	46	32	114	1036	326	38	22	1566	27	3428	180.4
July	..	26	26	16	74	90	115	39	41	101	1170	292	34	33	1937	33	4001	173.9
August	..	27	17	8	75	145	103	50	38	92	1158	266	41	19	1834	30	3876	168.5
September	..	19	23	12	58	102	84	40	39	93	960	217	34	20	1579	27	3288	205.5
Oct. 1st to 11th	..	8	15	8	49	72	68	27	31	53	1666	115	19	5	940	12	3080	440
TOTALS	..	293	389	208	1252	1584	1322	645	604	1476	18640	3549480	290	23414	399	54252	213.6	

\* To obtain these averages, all the Wednesdays in each month are counted as one day.

The following is a list of the principal purchases made for the Reference Library during the year.



Architectural Publication Society. *Dictionary of architecture, with illustrations.* *Ed.* by Wyatt Papworth. 1853-1892. 6 vols.

Audsley (G. A.) *The ornamental arts of Japan.* 1882-4. 2 vols.

Bond (Frederick Bligh) and Camm (Dom Bede) *Rood-screens and Roodlofts.* 1909. 2 vols.

Campbell (Colen) and others. *Vitruvius Britannicus.* 1715-77. 5 vols. Plans and illus.

Champlin (J. D.) and Perkins (C. C.) *eds.* *Cyclopædia of painters and paintings.* 1888. 4 vols. Illus.

Collection of facsimiles from examples of historic or artistic book-bindings illustrating the history of binding as a branch of the decorative arts. 1899.

Forbes (Edward) and Hanley (Sylvanus) *History of British Mollusca, and other shells.* 1853. 4 vols.

Goodyear (Wm. H.) *The grammar of the lotus.* 1891. Illus.

Gould (John) *The birds of Great Britain.* 1873. 5 vols. Col. illus.

Halkett (Samuel) and Laing (John) *A dictionary of the anonymous and pseudonymous literature of Great Britain.* 1882-88. 4 vols.

Harper (Charles G.) *English pen artists of to-day: examples of their work, with some criticisms and appreciations.* 1892. Illus.

Hewitson (William C.) *Coloured illustrations of the eggs of British birds, with descriptions of their nidification.* 3rd edition. 1856. 2 vols.

Hogg (Robert) and Bull (Henry Graves) *eds.* *The Herefordshire Pomona, containing original figures and descriptions of the most esteemed kinds of apples and pears.* 1876-1885. 2 vols.

Holmes (Richard Rivington) *Specimens of royal, fine, and historical book-binding, selected from the Royal Library, Windsor Castle, with 152 plates in facsimile by W. Giggs.* 1893.

Hope (W. H. St. John) The stall plates of the Knights of the Order of the Garter. 1348-1485. 1901.

Knuth (Paul) Handbook of the flower pollination based upon Hermann Mueller's work, "Fertilization of flowers by insects." Translated by J. R. Ainsworth Davis. 1906-9. 3 vols. Illus.

Lean (Vincent Stuckey) Collectanea. 4 vols. in 5. 1902-4.

Lee (Oswin A. J.) Among British birds in their nesting haunts: Illustrated by the camera. 1897-99. 4 vols.

Leech (John Henry) Butterflies from China, Japan, and Corea. 1892-4. 3 vols. Plates.

Lenygon (Francis) The decoration and furniture of English mansions during the 17th and 18th centuries. 1909. Illus.

Menpes (Mortimer) Rembrandt: with an essay on the life of Rembrandt by C. Lewis Hind. 1905.

Michel (Emile) Great masters of landscape painting. 1910. Illus.

Mivart (St. George) Dogs, Jackals, Wolves, and Foxes; a monograph of the canidæ. 1890. Col. plates.

Morris (Francis Orpen) A history of British birds. 1851-62. 6 vols. Col. illus.

——— Ed. A series of picturesque views of seats of the noblemen and gentlemen of Great Britain and Ireland; with a description and historic letterpress, etc. 7 vols.

Oxford history of music. 1901-5. 6 vols.

Paston (George) Social caricature in the 18th century. 1905. Illus.

Pugin (A. W.) 15th and 16th century ornaments. 1904. Illus.

Pyne (William Henry). The costume of Great Britain. 1804 [1805]....Col. illus.

Rivoira (G. T.) Lombardic architecture: its origin, development, and derivatives; translated by G. M. N. Rushforth. 1910. 2 vols. Illus.

Schultz (R. W.) and Barnsley (S. H.) The monastery of Saint Luke of Stiris, in Phocis, and the dependent monastery of Saint Nicolas in the Fields, near Skripou, in Bœotia. 1901. Illus.

Seeböhm (Henry) The geographical distribution of the family of Charadriidæ: or, the plovers, sandpipers, snipes and their allies. 1884. Col. plates.

Seeböhm (Henry) and Sharpe (R. B.) Monograph of the Turdidæ: or, family of thrushes. 1902. 2 vols. Col. illus.

Shaw (Henry) and Moule (Thomas) Details of Elizabethan architecture. 1839. Col. plates.

Thurston (Edgar) and Rangachari (K.) *Castes and tribes of Southern India.* 1909. 7 vols. Illus.

Victoria History of the Counties of England :—

London, including London within the bars, Westminster and Southwark. *Ed.* by William Page. Vol. 1. 1909.

Nottingham. *Ed.* by William Page. Vol. 2. 1910.

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What is the Gordian Knot ?

Size of a Cheshire acre ?

What is the national colour of Ireland and why ?

Who wrote the original "Claudian" ?

What is the symbol of St. Chad ?

What is the origin and reason of the square collar on a sailor's uniform ?

List of the principal shipping companies of the world, with descriptions of their flags and the colour of the funnels of their ships.

What is Deodand ?

Composition of Gesso.

Table showing the expectation of life at varying ages.

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<b>DAILY.</b>							
Birmingham Daily Post ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bolton Daily Chronicle ..	2	I	I	I	2	2	2
„ Evening News ..	2	I	I	I	2	2	2
Daily Chronicle ..	I	..	I	..	2	2	2
„ Dispatch ..	2	I	I	I	I	I	I
„ Graphic ..	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
„ Mail ..	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
„ News ..	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
„ Telegraph ..	2	I	I	I	I	I	I
Figaro ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Financial News ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Freeman's Journal ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leeds and Yorkshire Mercury ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Liverpool Courier ..	I	..	I	..	..	I	..
„ Daily Post ..	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Manchester Courier ..	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
„ Evening Chronicle ..	2	I	I	I	I	I	I
„ Evening News ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
„ Guardian ..	I	I	I	I	2	I	2
Morning Post ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newcastle Daily Chronicle ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pall Mall Gazette ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scotsman ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Standard ..	I	..	..	..	..	I	..
Stock Exchange List ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Times ..	I	..	..	..	I	..	I
Yorkshire Post ..	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
<b>WEEKLY AND BI-WEEKLY.</b>							
Academy ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Amateur Gardening ..	..	..	I	..	..	..	I
Architect ..	I	..	..	..	..	I	I
Architects' & Builders' Journal ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Athenæum ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Athletic News ..	..	I	I	I	I	I	..
Autocar ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Birmingham Weekly Post ..	..	I	I	I	..	..	I
Black and White ..	I	..	I	..	I	I	..
Blackburn Times ..	I	..	..	..	..	I	I
Blackpool Times ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	I
Board of Trade Journal ..	..	I	I	..	..	..	..
Bolton Chronicle ..	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
„ Journal and Guardian ..	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Boy's Own Paper ..	I	I	I	I	..	I	I
Bradford Observer ..	I	I	I	I	..	..	..
British Journal of Photography ..	I	..	I	..	I	I	I
Builder ..	I	..	I	..	I	I	I
Building News ..	I	..	..	..	..	I	..

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Chemical News ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	I ..	..
Chums ..	..	..	I ..	..	..	I ..	I ..
Civil Servant Aspirant ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	..	..	..
Candidate ..	I ..	..	..	..	I ..	..	..
Contractor's Record ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Co-operative News ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cotton Factory Times ..	I ..	..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..
County Gentleman ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cycling ..	I ..	..	I ..	..	..	..	..
Electrical Engineer ..	I ..	..	..	..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Review ..	I ..	..	I ..	..	I ..	I ..	..
Engineer ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	I ..	..
Engineering ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..
English Mechanic ..	I ..	..	I ..	..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Era ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Exchange and Mart ..	I ..	..	I ..	..	I ..	I ..	..
Field ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	I ..	..
Garden ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	I ..	..
Gardener's Chronicle ..	I ..	..	..	I ..	..	I ..	..
Gentlewoman ..	..	..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Gibbons' Stamp Weekly ..	..	..	I ..	..	..	I ..	I ..
Graphic ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Hobbies ..	..	..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Illustrated London News ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	2 ..
India ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investor's Guardian ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Iron and Coal Trades' Review ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	I ..	..
Ladies' Field ..	..	..	..	..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Lady ..	..	..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Lady's Pictorial ..	..	..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Local Government Chronicle ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Journal ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manchester City News ..	I ..	..	I ..	..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Model Engineer ..	..	..	I ..	..	..	..	I ..
Motor Cycle ..	..	I ..	I ..	..	..	..	..
Traction ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Municipal Journal ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nation ..	I ..	..	..	I ..	..	..	..
Nature ..	I ..	..	I ..	..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Notes and Queries ..	I ..	..	I ..	..	..	..	..
Nottinghamshire Guardian ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Photography ..	I ..	I ..	..	..	..	I ..	I ..
Pitman's Phonetic Journal ..	I ..	..	I ..	..	I ..	..	I ..
Poor Law Officer's Journal ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Preston Guardian ..	..	I ..	I ..	..	..	I ..	I ..
Herald ..	I ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..
Publishers' Circular ..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Punch ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Queen ..	..	..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..	I ..
Railway Review ..	..	I ..	..	..	..	I ..	..
Times ..	..	I ..	..	..	..	..	..
Rochdale Observer ..	..	I ..	..	..	..	I ..	I ..

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Saturday Review..	..	I	..	..	I	..	..
Schoolmaster ..	..	I	..	I	..	I	I
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Scout ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	I
Sketch ..	..	I	..	I	..	..	..
Spectator ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Stage ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Standard of Empire ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Textile Mercury ..	..	I	..	..	I	I	I
Times (Weekly) ..	..	I	..	I	..	..	I
Truth ..	..	I	I	I	..	..	I
University Correspondent ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Weekly Scotsman ..	..	..	I	I	..	..	I
West African Mail ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Worcester Herald ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Work ..	..	I	I	I	I	I	I
Young Ladies' Journal ..	..	..	..	I	..	I	I
MONTHLY.							
Agricultural Economist ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	I
Animal World ..	..	I	I	I	I	I	I
Architectural Review ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	I
Atlantic Monthly..	..	I	..	..	..	I	I
Badminton ..	..	I	..	..	..	I	..
Blackwood's Magazine ..	..	I	..	..	I	I	I
Bookman ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Book Monthly ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
British Printer ..	..	I	..	I	..	..	..
Captain ..	..	..	..	I	..	I	I
Century Magazine ..	..	I	..	..	..	I	I
Chambers's Journal ..	..	I	I	I	I	I	I
Children's Friend ..	..	..	..	I	..	..	I
Child's Guardian..	..	I	I	I	..	..	..
Connoisseur ..	..	I	..	..	..	I	..
Contemporary Review ..	..	I	..	I	..	I	I
Cornhill Magazine ..	..	I	..	I	..	I	I
Deaths of Seamen ..	..	..	I	..	..	..	..
Dyer and Calico Printer ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	I
Educational Times ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Engineering Review ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	I
English Illustrated Magazine ..	..	I	I	I	I	I	..
Fortnightly Review ..	..	I	..	..	..	I	I
Fry's Magazine ..	..	I	..	I	..	..	I
Girl's Realm ..	..	..	..	I	..	I	I
Girl's Own Paper..	..	..	..	I	I	I	I
Harper's Magazine ..	..	I	I	I	I	I	I
Idler ..	..	..	I	..	..	..	..
Journal of Education ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Je Sais Tout ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Ladies' Tailor ..	..	..	..	..	I	I	I
Lady's Realm ..	..	..	..	I	I	I	I
Lady's World ..	..	..	..	..	I	..	I
Lippincott's Magazine ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Literary World ..	..	I	..	I	..	I	I

## List of Newspapers and Periodicals.—(Cont.)

	Central Reading Room	Little Bolton	High Street	Mere Hall	Astley Bridge	Great Lever	Halli- well
Little Folks ..	..	..	I	..	..	I	I
London Magazine ..	..	..	..	..	I	..	..
Mining Engineering ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Munsey's Magazine ..	I	..	I	I	I	I	I
Musical Times ..	I	..	I	..	..	..	..
Musician's Journal ..	I	I	I	I	I	..	..
Myra's Journal ..	..	..	I	I	I	I	I
Nineteenth Century ..	I	..	I	..	I	I	I
Our Boys' Magazine ..	..	..	I	..	..	I	I
Our Own Magazine ..	..	..	I	..	I	I	I
Outing ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pall Mall Magazine ..	I	I	..	I	I	I	I
Paper Maker ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Patents ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Pearson's Magazine ..	I	..	..	..	I	I	I
Revue des Deux Mondes ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Review of Reviews ..	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Saint Nicholas ..	..	..	..	..	..	I	..
School and Home ..	..	..	I	..	I	I	I
Scribner's Magazine ..	I	..	I	..	I	I	I
Selborne Magazine ..	..	..	I	..	..	..	..
Stationery and Printing ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Strand Magazine ..	I	..	I	I	I	I	I
Student's Journal ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Studio ..	I	..	..	..	I	I	..
Textile Manufacturer ..	I	..	I	..	I	I	..
Recorder ..	I	..	..	..	..	..	I
Tramp ..	I	I	I	I	I	..	..
Vulcan ..	I	I	..	..	..	..	..
Weldon's Journal ..	I	..	I	..	I	I	I
Westminster Review ..	I	I	..	..	..	..	I
Wide World ..	..	..	..	..	I	..	..
Windsor Magazine ..	I	I	..	..	I	I	..
Woman at Home ..	..	..	I	..	I	I	I
World's Work ..	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Young England ..	..	..	I	..	I	I	I
Man ..	..	..	I	..	..	..	..
Woman ..	..	..	I	..	I	I	I
Zoophilist ..	..	I	I	I	I	..	..
QUARTERLY.							
Army List ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh Review ..	..	I	..	..	..	I	..
Hibbert Journal ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Library ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Mind ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Navy List ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Post Office Guide ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Progress Review ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..
Quarterly Review ..	..	I	..	..	..	I	..
N.H.R.U. MAGAZINES.							
Young People's Section ..	..	IO	IO	..	..	IO	..
General Course ..	..	IO	IO	..	..	IO	..
Special Course ..	..	IO	IO	..	..	IO	..

## DATA.

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Area of Borough	...	...	...	...	15,283	acres
Population (estimated)	...	...	...	...	190305	
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£846161	
Libraries Acts adopted	...	...	...	...	1852	
Number of Library Buildings	...	...	...	...	8	
First Library opened	...	...	...	...	1853	
First Branch Library opened	...	...	...	...	1879	
Second Branch Library opened	...	...	...	...	1888	
Third Branch Library opened	...	...	...	...	1891	
Central Lending Library opened	...	...	...	...	1892	
Fourth Branch Library opened	...	...	...	...	1900	
Present Librarian appointed	...	...	...	May,	1904	
Astley Bridge Branch re-organised	...	...	...	...	1905	
Central Lending Library re-organized	...	...	...	...	1906	
Rate equal to 1½d. in the £ levied	...	...	...	...	1906	
High Street Branch re-organized	...	...	...	...	1907	
School Libraries established	...	...	...	...	1907	
Rate equal to 1¾d. in the £ levied	...	...	...	...	1907	
Gift from Mr. Carnegie of £15,000 for Three New Branch Libraries	...	...	...	...	1908	
Rate of 2d. in the £ levied	...	...	...	April,	1909	
Product of twopenny rate produces	...	...	...	...	£6548	
New Branch Libraries opened by Mr. Carnegie at Astley Bridge, Great Lever, and Halliwell, 29th September	...	...	...	...	...	1910

# Publications.

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## CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Catalogue of books in the Central Lending Library, 500 pp., 4to, 1907	...	...	Sixpence.
First Supplement to the above, 104 pp. 4to, 1908	...	...	Twopence.
Second      „      „      87 pp. 4to, 1909	...	...	Twopence.
Third      „      „      76 pp. 4to, 1910	...	...	Twopence.
Catalogue of books for Boys and Girls in the Central Lending Library, 52 pp. 4to, 1907	...	...	Out of print.
Second edition of the above with additions to date (January, 1908), 62 pp. 4to	...	...	Out of print.
Third edition of the above with additions to date (March 1st, 1910), 72 pp. 4to	...	...	One penny.

## HIGH STREET BRANCH LIBRARY.

Catalogue of books in the High Street Branch Library, 150 pp. 4to, 1907	...	...	Threepence.
Supplement to the above, 4to, 1910	...	...	One penny.
Catalogue of books for Boys and Girls in the High Street Branch Library, 84 pp. 4to, 1907	...	...	Out of print.
Second edition of the above with additions to date (June 30th, 1910), 56 pp. 4to, 1910	...	...	One penny.

## ASTLEY BRIDGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Catalogue of books in the Astley Bridge Branch Library, 140 pp. cr. 8vo., 1905	...	...	Out of print.
Supplement to the above, 44 pp. cr. 8vo, 1907	...	...	One penny.
Reprint of the above with additions to date (August, 1908), 120 pp. 4to	...	...	Twopence.
Supplement to the above, 62 pp. 4to, 1910	...	...	One penny.
Catalogue of books for Boys and Girls in the Astley Bridge Branch Library, 24 pp. 4to, 1908	...	...	One penny.
Supplementary list to the above, 7 pp. 4to... 1910	...	...	One halfpenny.

**PUBLICATIONS—continued.****GREAT LEVER BRANCH LIBRARY.**

Catalogue of books in the Great Lever Branch Library, 175 pp. 4to, 1910...	... ...	Threepence.
Catalogue of books for Boys and Girls in the Great Lever Branch Library, 38 pp. 4to, 1910	... ... ... ...	One penny.

**HALLIWELL BRANCH LIBRARY.**

Catalogue of books in the Halliwell Branch Library, 164 pp. 4to, 1910...	... ...	Threepence.
Catalogue of books for Boys and Girls in the Halliwell Branch Library, 34 pp. 4to, 1910		One penny.

**Forms of Bequest.**

I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bolton, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said Borough, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

I bequeath\*

\*BOOKS,  
PICTURES,  
OR OTHER  
OBJECTS OF  
ART OR to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County  
INTEREST.

Borough of Bolton (free of Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my personality), for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said Borough, either for Exhibition or such other purposes as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.



COUNTY BOROUGH  
Financial Statement of the

Dr.

APRIL 1st, 1909.

EXPENDITURE.	General Administration.	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	High Street Branch.	Great Lever Branch.	Halliwell Branch.
To Salaries of Librarian and Assistants ....	592 6 8	143 2 8	441 10 4	192 11 0	32 12 8	18 19 2
,, Wages of Caretakers and Cleaners.....	..	40 14 8	52 13 0	69 5 4	..	..
,, Ground Rent .....	1 15 4	17 14 3	..	..	..	..
,, Coal .....	..	2 7 2	0 18 9	..	..	..
,, Coke .....	..	11 18 0	8 7 11	11 1 10	..	..
,, Electric Current and Fittings .....	..	39 2 10	63 4 10	41 11 1	..	..
,, Gas and Fittings ....	..	..	2 16 1	1 3 6	..	..
,, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance .....	..	7 3 4	3 2 4	1 15 7	..	..
,, Water and Fittings ..	..	1 9 8	1 2 3	0 19 0	3 8 5	..
,, Telephone Rentals ..	..	8 0 0	2 0 0	7 15 0	..	..
,, Repairs and Renovations .....	..	11 18 4	10 13 9	23 14 2	..	..
,, Furniture and Fittings .....	..	34 10 6	..	..	..	..
,, Books, Magazines, and Newspapers ..	..	294 10 0	883 12 10	189 17 2	996 9 11	831 12 8
,, Uniforms .....	..	..	3 4 0	3 4 0	..	..
,, Printing, Stationery, and Advertising ..	50 19 0	5 2 0	97 13 1	3 16 3	4 0 5	7 0 11
,, Binding .....	..	17 2 10	220 1 4	31 5 6	..	..
,, Paving, &c. .....	..	..	..	..	..	66 2 8
,, Subscriptions to Societies .....	2 2 0	10 18 6	..	..	..	..
,, Repayment of Loans.	..	151 7 0	106 13 4	..	..	..
,, Interest on Loans, less Tax .....	..	66 16 11	47 6 6	..	..	..
,, Bank Interest .....	8 19 9	..	..	..	..	..
,, Disbursements and Sundries.....	58 6 8	13 15 11	50 4 9	10 6 6	12 14 6	35 17 11
Totals .....	£ 714 9 5	877 14 7	1995 5 1	1588 5 11	1049 5 11	959 13 4

OF BOLTON.

Public Libraries' Department,

to MARCH 31st, 1910.

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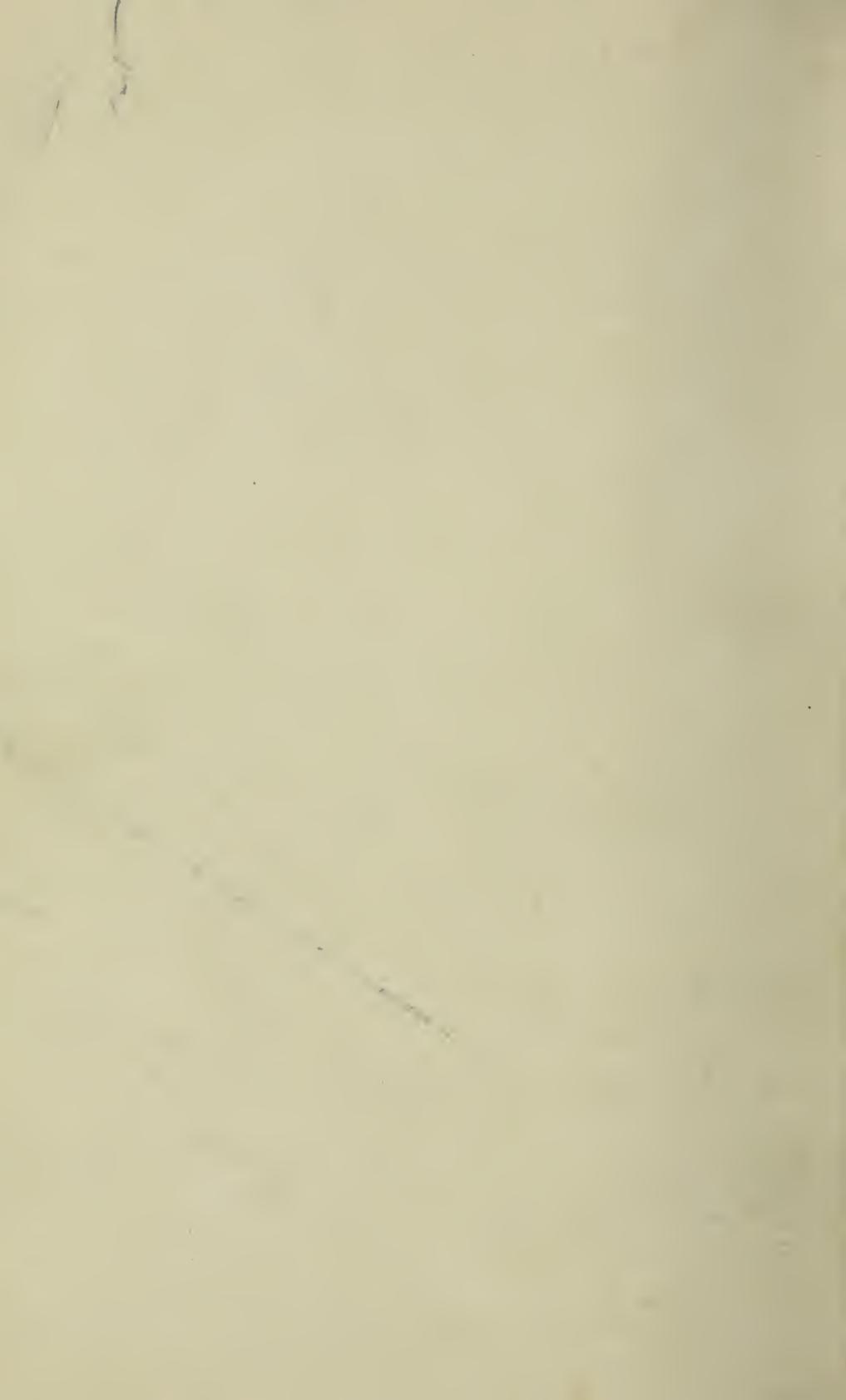
Astley Bridge Branch.	Little Bolton Branch.	Mere Hall Branch.	School Libraries.	Totals.	INCOME,	
£ s. d	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
15 11 4	126 3 8	97 0 8	..	1759 18 2	Credit Balance, 31st March, 1909 .....	176 3 10
9 10 8	..	..	..	172 3 8	By Amount granted for Library purposes ..	6520 0 0
..	25 2 9	..	..	44 12 4	.., Rents of Shops, &c.,	77 4 0
..	24 9 2	..	..	27 15 1	.., Fines, &c. :—	
1 10 8	6 17 3	..	..	39 15 8	Reference Library,..	0 17 6
12 16 7	38 8 3	..	..	195 3 7	Central Lending Library .....	175 9 4
0 2 4	6 4 3	19 12 3	..	29 18 5	Little Bolton Branch Library,..	3 13 3
4 11 6	8 2 4	0 5 5	..	25 0 6	High Street do. ..	30 8 7
1 1 9	2 0 0	..	..	10 1 1	Mere Hall do, ....	4 16 3
12 0 0	5 15 0	6 0 0	..	41 10 0	Astley Bridge do...	21 1 2
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0 2 3	..	..	..	34 12 9		
03 10 4	30 1 8	35 19 11	2 8 11	3468 3 5		
..	..	..	..	6 8 0		
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43 1 10	..	..	51 19 6	363 11 0		
..	..	..	..	66 2 8		
..	7 10 0	..	..	20 10 6		
..	..	..	..	258 0 4		
..	..	..	..	114 3 5		
..	..	..	..	8 19 9		
8 7 2	10 14 1	2 9 8	1 4 6	204 1 8		
21 18 9	304 17 0	162 8 8	64 18 7	7138 17 3	Total .....	7138 17 3

PERCY FARNWORTH,

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